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CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

It is doubtful if any one present will soon forget the beauty of the scene and the wonderful charm of the music under such conditions. The acoustics of the Court are remarkably good, and Mr. Stransky had, with his usual skill and taste, prepared a program admirably adapted to the place.

The Trustees are deeply appreciative of this opportunity, which came as the direct result of Mr. Stransky's interest in the Museum and his great love of paintings—of which it is understood he has a notable collection. Thanks are also due the Philharmonic Society and Mr. Felix F. Leifels, its manager, and to the members of the Orchestra who participated. Mrs. Adella Prentiss Hughes, Secretary of the Musical Arts Association, under whose auspices the Orchestra appeared in Cleveland, graciously coöperated in completing the arrangements suggested by Mr. Stransky. It is a pleasure to report that Mr. Stransky plans to repeat this delightful experience when his orchestra comes to Cleveland next season; and it is hoped that plans may this time be made in advance in order that a more adequate notice may be given to those included in the invitation.

AN APPEAL TO OUR MEMBERS

The Cleveland Museum of Art is confident of its mission in these times of war. We are certain that now, more than at any time in the history of the world, the people—all of the people, whether rich or poor—need the comfort and the diversion of beauty and of the finer things of life, if the country as a whole is to retain its sanity and its confidence in the final triumph of right over wrong in the greatest chivalric enterprise of all time. For that is what our participation in this great war means. We are pledged to “put down the mighty from their seat” and thus to establish the safety of our institutions, and of our women and children, for all time.

We cannot hold steadfast in the face of the discouragement of daily casualty lists, of temporary retreats and of sickening details of the brutishness of the Hun when victorious, without a constant feeding of our spirits at the fount of the ideals of life. Our boys are fighting in France in the spirit of the crusader of old who went forth to right a wrong or to put down a tyrant. All of the people must understand this spirit, must realize how noble and beautiful it is to “go forth to fight” for such a cause.

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Here in our Museum we try to inculcate ideals of beauty in form and color, of orderliness, and of the spiritual qualities as expressed in the works of great artists. He who desires may "ask to heart's content and have" of the beauties which the Museum offers, and cannot fail to go away refreshed and strengthened and ennobled for the tasks which the winning of the war demands so unceasingly of all of us. Time spent in an art museum is thus no more wasted or unwisely spent than time given to church attendance, and as the great struggle is prolonged we all turn more earnestly to the comfort our churches offer.

The Museum cannot carry on its work of instruction, inspiration, comfort and relaxation without the active financial support of its present, and of a largely increased, membership. Is not this institution worth some sacrifice, that its activities may continue unabated and uncurtailed in these times of stress?

The fact that the people are now coming to the Museum in larger numbers than in the corresponding months of last year shows the truth of the argument that the Museum offers a place of refuge to tired hearts and minds and is winning constantly a closer hold on all kinds of people. Help us in the good work by continuing your own membership and also by securing new members. Have you paid for your current membership card? If not, do so *now* while the Museum's need is fresh in your mind!

The following is the list of new members, in addition to eighty-one new Annual Members:

FELLOW

Foster, James H.

LIFE

Babcock, Mrs. Perry H.	Harper, William	Luetkemeyer, Mrs. E. H.
Cleland, Paul E.	Iglauer, Jay	Peck, Eugene C.

The present membership stands as follows:

Benefactors	6	Fellows	101
Honorary Fellows	19	Life Members	454
Fellows in Perpetuity	4	Sustaining Members	19
Fellows for Life	16	Annual Members	2032 2651

The membership table shows a slight increase in the total number of members; but Cleveland, with its large population and great wealth, should have a supporting membership of at least five thousand.